

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3 as follows:

The present invention overcomes the above shortcomings by providing a front face or front door of a gaming device with a positionally adjustable bolster. The bolster may be described alternatively herein as the "adjustable," "positionally adjustable," "moveable" and "removable." For brevity, the bolster is referred to herein as "moveable" or "adjustable." However, the scope of the present invention is not intended to be limited by the use of such term or any other abbreviated terms used herein to describe the present invention, components, steps or processes thereof. The present invention generally provides a gaming device having a cabinet with a front door with a moveable or removable bolster. The front door is preferably pivotally connected to the gaming device using hinges and facilitates access to the interior of the gaming machine.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 21 as follows:

Referring now to the drawings, two gaming devices 10 of one preferred gaming machine embodiment of the present invention include the controls, displays and features of a conventional gaming machine are as illustrated in Fig. 1. Each gaming device 10 includes a cabinet 11 having an access door 49 pivotally connected to the cabinet 11. The gaming device 10 is constructed so that a player can operate it while standing or sitting.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 11 as follows:

Although not illustrated, the bolster 50 includes an internal metal or hard plastic structure around which the support 52 is formed. In one embodiment the internal structure is surrounded by a mold, and wherein urethane foam is injected to fill the space between the mold and the internal structure. The foam cures and forms the desired shape of the support 52 of the bolster 50. The urethane foam forms a skin when cured, so that a separate cover is not necessary, although the bolster may alternatively include a separate cover, e.g., of vinyl or leather, if a certain look or feel is desired. The support 52 may be any color or have any desired pattern, lettering or graphics.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 5 as follows:

Disengaging the locking mechanism enables the adjustable bolster 50 to rotate about a pivot to a second or angular position exposing at least a portion of front surface 64 of the door 49 as illustrated. As also illustrated in Fig. 5B, this enables the door 49 to be opened, providing access to the gaming devices device interior through port 51, without interfering with an adjacent gaming devices 10 as shown. Fig. 5B illustrates that the bolster

50 clears above the bolster of an adjacent gaming device 10. In another embodiment, the bolster 50 swings downwardly. That is, the bolster 50 is connected to the cabinet 11 in a moveable manner so that the bolster 50 of one gaming device 10 (on the right) clears above or below, and does not interfere or impinge the bolster 50 of an adjacent gaming device 10 (on the left).

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 17 as follows:

In one preferred embodiment, the door 49 supports the bolster 50 and hinges to one side 66 of the cabinet 11. The door 49 has an opening edge 62, opposite the hinge side 66, that swings away from the opening side 68 of the cabinet 11. The bolster 50, in turn, is rotatably or pivotally connected to a panel 64 of the door 49. The bolster 50 pivots at a point nearer to the opening edge 62 of the door 49. In the playing position, the bolster 50 locks to the panel 64 nearer to the hinge side 66 of the cabinet 11. In this preferred embodiment, the bolster 50 pivots on the side 68 of the cabinet 11 opposite to the hinge side 66 ~~that the hinge side~~ of door 49.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 9 as follows:

The door 49 may thereafter be fully opened to provide maximum access to the gaming device 10 interior without interfering with an adjacent gaming device 10. Although the bolster 50 preferably pivots at a point on the panel 64 nearer to the opening edge 62 of the door 49, the bolster may alternatively be adapted to pivot at a point in the middle of the panel 64 as illustrated in Fig. 5C, as long as the bolster rotates sufficiently to clear an adjacent bolster 50.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 16 as follows:

The locking device 74 includes a housing 78, a spring loaded pin 80 mounted in the housing, a pulley 82 attached to the housing 78, a release knob 84 and a cable 42 fastened at one end to knob 84 and at the other end to pin 80. The housing 78 is attached to the channel 72 and includes a plurality of surfaces 75 and 77 which limit the movement of the cable 42 about the pulley 82. The cable thus extends from the pin 80, around the pulley 82, through a guide 44 at a fastening point 86 attached to the U-shaped support channel 72 (to ~~steer~~ stay clear of other devices on the inside of the gaming device 10) to the knob 84.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 1 as follows:

The bolster assembly 70 also includes a mounting bracket 96 attached to the U-shaped channel 72. The mounting bracket 96 which is preferably a steel or stainless steel supports a number of components of the bolster

assembly 70 including the knob 84. The knob 84 in the illustrated embodiment secures to the mounting bracket 96 by a pair of hex nuts (see Fig. 8). It should be appreciated that the knob could otherwise suitably mount to the support.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 8 as follows:

The housing 78 also provides a base 43 for a compression spring 40 as illustrated in Fig. 9. The compression spring 40 biases the pin 80 outwardly towards the bolster 50. More specifically, the spring biases the pin 80 towards a slot 98 (Fig. 10) in the bolster to lock the bolster 50 in the closed position. When the bolster 50 is in the closed and locked position, the locking pin 80 extends into slot 98 of a metal locking clip 100 attached to the inner surface 54 of the bolster or other structure inside the bolster 50 (see Fig. 10) to prevent the bolster 50 from rotating about the pivot 92 as discussed below.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 20 as follows:

When the bolster 50 is in the closed and locked position, the arm 108 engages pin 113 (see Fig. 10) which is biased downwardly by the compression spring 112 journaled around pin 113 between the washer 110 and a base 97 of the mounting bracket 96. The pin ~~124~~ 113 is threaded into and/or welded to the mounting bracket 96 and extends downwardly therefrom. The washer 110 and nut 116 (Fig Figs. 11 and 12) hold the spring 112 in place. In the closed and locked position, the bolster 50 compresses the spring 112, such that the spring is biased to rotate the bolster 50 upwardly when the operator pulls the knob 84 and releases or unlocks the pin 80 from the aperture 98 of the locking clip 100 attached to the bolster 50 as described above.

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The present invention provides a~~ A gaming device and more specifically a front door of a gaming device that has a moveable and/or removable bolster that swings out of the way, so that an operator may open the door without the bolster hitting the bolster of an adjacent gaming device. The front door is pivotally connected to the gaming device using one or more hinges and facilitates access to the interior of the gaming machine. The moveable and/or removable bolster pivotally attaches to the door. In one preferred embodiment, when unlocked, the bolster automatically swings open to a preliminary angle, whereby the operator lifts the bolster to the predefined operating angle. In one alternative embodiment, when unlocked, the bolster automatically swings open to the predefined operating angle.